GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OVERALL GROWTH OF CIVIL AVIATION SECTOR
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Civil Aviation Sector is poised for overall growth over the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India had decided to upgrade about 30 Airports upto global standards by year 2007-2008;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to bring in a new comprehensive Civil Aviation Policy in view of the Naresh Chandra Committee report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b):- Yes Sir. However, the overall growth of civil aviation sector over the next three years will depend upon various factors like GDP growth, trade and tourism potential etc.

(c)&(d):- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to modernise twenty five non-metro airports to world class standards in phases with focus on airside and city side development and enhancement of non-aeronautical revenues. In the first phase, approximately ten airports would be taken up and the remaining in the second phase. The selection of airports will be made keeping in view their commerical and traffic growth potential. AAI is in the process of appointing Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) and Global Technical Advisor (GTA) who will assist AAI in conducting techno-economic feasibility study of identified airport to evolve an appropriate model based on viability of the project.

(e)&(f):- The recommendations of the Naresh Chandra Committee are being examined so as to formulate a comprehensive National Civil Aviation Policy.